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SUBJ: SSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND NUCLEAR
ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 158639; B. USUN 02598; C. COLOMBO 2659

1. MOST SENIOR GSL MFA OFFICIALS ARE ABSENT FROM THE MINISTRY IN CONNECTION WITH JUNE 21-25 VISIT OF PRC VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO. THIS INCLUDES UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR TISSA JAYAKODY WITH WHOM THIS SUBJECT WAS RAISED EARLIER (REF C). CHARGE THEREFORE 22 JUNE REVIEWED MATTER WITH N. BALASUBRAMANIAM, DIRECTOR, MFA, WEST DIVISION, SENIOR OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH SL-US BILATERAL RELATIONS. BALASUBRAMANIAM TOOK CAREFUL NOTES OF PRESENTATION AND AGREED TO GET WORD TO RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIALS AS SOON AS THEY BREAK LOOSE FROM THE CHINESE.

2. CHARGE REQUESTED GSL DECLINE TO CO-SPONSOR ALTERED IRAQI RESOLUTION FOR REASONS STATED REFS A AND B. BALASUBRAMANIAM REPLIED HE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ISSUE AND HAD NOT YET SEEN SLUN'S
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TELEGRAM REPORTING ON IT. HIS QUICK PERSONAL REACTION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR GSL AS NAM CHAIRMAN TO DECLINE CO-SPONSOR ANY RESOLUTION AT SSOD WHICH HAD BROAD NAM MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT. AT SAME TIME, HE THOUGHT GSL CONSIDERADON MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY ARGUMENT THAT SSOD WAS WRONG VENUE FOR IRAQI RESOLUTION AND IN FACT COULD IMPEDE WORK OF SSOD.

3. COMMENT: BALASUBRAMANIAM APPRECIATED NEED FOR SWIFT ACTION
IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE 23 JUNE VOTE AND WE ARE CONFIDENT HIS
REPORT WILL CONVEY THE FULL FLAVOR OF USG CONCERNS. WE WILL
PROMPTLY REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT GSL REACTION WHICH MAY BECOME
AVAILABLE.
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